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PROGRAMS IN BAHRAIN

REFERENCE : (A) STATE 72385, (B) 75 MANAMA 459 DTG 151125Z APR

1. SUMMARY: UNDP PROGRAM IN BAHRAIN CONTINUES TO OPERATE
AS DESCRIBED REF B ON THE 1974-76 PROGRAMMING CYCLE EXCEPT
THAT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS (STATE 38843)
HAVE RESULTED IN A SCALING DOWN OF SOME PROJECTS AND A
POSTPONEMENT OF OTHERS. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT
PROGRAMS ON THE WHOLE ARE EFFECTIVE AND WELL-EXECUTED. THE
TWO MAJOR PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY UNDP IN BAHRAIN ARE IMPORTANT
TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLAND STATE. COORDINATION
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WITH THIRD COUNTRY DONORS REMAINS GOOD WITH THE INCREASINGLY

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION OF AID FROM NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES.
END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF A,
PARA FOUR:

(A) ROLE OF UNDP IN UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM: RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNDP IN BAHRAIN CONTINUES HIS PREDECESSOR'S ACTIVE LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATOR ROLE REGARDING ALL UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN BAHRAIN. UNEC IS NEWEST AGENCY TO BE REPRESENTED IN BAHRAIN, JOINING FAO, ILO, UNIDO, UNICEF AND UNESCO. RESREP MAINTAINS EFFECTIVE LIAISON WITH GOB OFFICIALS WHO, BECAUSE OF THEIR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN EVALUATION AND MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF UNDP ACTIVITIES, APPEAR WELL SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS OF PROJECTS.

(B) COORDINATION OF ALL EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: UNDP CONTINUES TO COORDINATE WITH UK EMBASSY WHICH SUPERVISES EXTENSIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT. AS LONG-STANDING PLANS TO ESTABLISH U.S. AID PROGRAM OF COST-SHARING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEAR FRUITION, WE HAVE INFORMED THE UNDP OFFICE OF THE LIKELY DIRECTION OF SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL ADVISORS. AS SPECIFIC PROGRAMS DEVELOP, COORDINATION WILL INCREASE TO SEEK TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT. UNDP OFFICE IS NOT INVOLVED IN ACTIVE COORDINATION OF THE INCREASINGLY SIGNIFICANT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL/GRANT ASSISTANCE COMING TO BAHRAIN FROM NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES. KUWAIT HAS MAINTAINED FOR SOME YEARS IN ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE TECHNICAL BUREAU WHICH INVOLVES ITSELF IN CONSTRUCTION (HEALTH-CENTERS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS) AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS. SIMILARLY, OTHER ARAB STATES (SUCH AS SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES) HAVE BOTH SIGNIFICANT GRANT AID PROGRAMS AS WELL AS FUNDING THE SALARIES, ETC. OF ARAB EXPERTS FROM OTHER STATES, E.G., EGYPT. GIVEN THE INTRA-ARAB NATURE OF THESE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, THERE MAY BE SOME GOB OR DONOR STATE RESISTANCE TO UNDP'S ATTEMPTING COORDINATE; NEVERTHELESS, IT MIGHT BE WORTH THE EFFORT.

(C) FINANCIAL RESTRAINTS: THE MAJOR FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY (STATE 38843) HAVE HAD IMPACT ON BOTH ON-GOING PROJECTS UNDER THE FIRST UNDP PROGRAMMING CYCLE AS WELL AS ON THE PLANNING FOR THE SECOND FIVE CYCLE (1977 ON).

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GENERALLY SPEAKING, NO PROGRAM HAS BEEN ABANDONED BUT SOME HAVE BEEN MODIFIED; POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS OF ON-GOING PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN SHELVED. FORTUNATELY, IN EMBASSY VIEW, THE PLANS FOR THE TWO MAJOR UNDP PROJECTS (NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM UNIT AND HOTEL CATERING AND TRAINING PROGRAM) HAVE NOT BEEN IMPORTANTLY AFFECTED BY THE BUDGETARY CUTBACKS. UNDP IS NEGOTIATING WITH GOB IN ATTEMPT TO GET IT TO FINANCE GREATER PROPORTION OF PROGRAM COSTS.

(D) COUNTRY PROGRAMMING: THE UNDP AND THE GOB ARE CURRENTLY IN THE MIDST OF DISCUSSIONS/NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE NEW UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM FOR 1977-81. IT IS TOO EARLY FOR EMBASSY TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ABOUT THAT PROGRAM BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ARE GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY BY THE GOB.

(E) PROJECT EVALUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION: GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE UNDP PROGRAMS IN BAHRAIN ARE CONSIDERED BY BOTH GOB AND EMBASSY TO BE CLOSELY RELEVANT TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THE GOVERNMENT. THIS SEEMS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM UNIT, ABOUT WHICH THE EMBASSY IS BEST INFORMED BECAUSE OF ITS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INDIVIDUALS, BOTH UNDP AND BAHRAINI, INVOLVED. VOCATIONAL TRAINING IS SEEN TO BE AT THE VERY CRUX OF BAHRAIN'S MANPOWER PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR. IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, MANPOWER CONSTRAINTS ARE CLEARLY ONE OF THE MAJOR INHIBITORS TO MORE RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

(F) APPRAISAL OF PROPOSED PROJECTS: EMBASSY IS KEPT INFORMED OF NEW PROJECTS AS THEY ARE DISCUSSED WITH THE GOB BUT BECAUSE OF OUR LACK OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE (THERE IS NO AID MISSION HERE) EMBASSY DOES NOT TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN APPRAISING PROPOSED PROJECTS.

(G) WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT: AS NOTED IN REF B, SEVERAL OF THE PROGRAMS UNDERWAY INVOLVE WOMEN (NURSING, EDUCATION, AND AN INTERESTING SURVEY OF THE ATTITUDES AND SITUATIONS OF VILLAGE WOMEN). A TRADITIONAL ARAB COUNTRY BEGINNING TO EXPERIENCE THE SELF-ASSERTION OF WOMEN AND THEIR ENTRANCE INTO THE LABOR FORCE, BAHRAIN APPEARS LIBERALLY INCLINED TOWARD INCLUSION OF WOMEN IN ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND WOMEN PLAY A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IN THE UNDP PROGRAMS. THERE ARE FEMALE "EXPERTS" WORKING IN BAHRAIN.

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